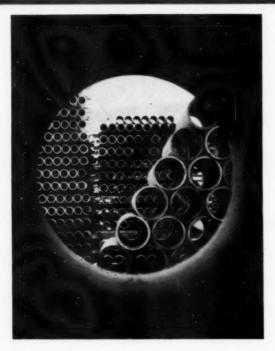
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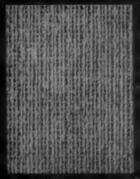


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UNDERGROUND MINING IN CANADIAN ASBESTOS MINES

By: W. E. Sinclair, M.I.M.M.

Since many of the asbestos deposits occur in massive form, they lend themselves most readily to open pit mining methods and, indeed, a large number of the well known mines are worked in this manner, as was described in an earlier article.* However, there comes a time in the life of all open pit mines when extraction costs, usually due to the need for excessive stripping, make production unpayable.

As a pit deepens, the ratio of overburden to be moved eventually exceeds the available ore and thereby marks the economic limite of surface extraction. Advance warning of this stage of operations is determined by preliminary cal-

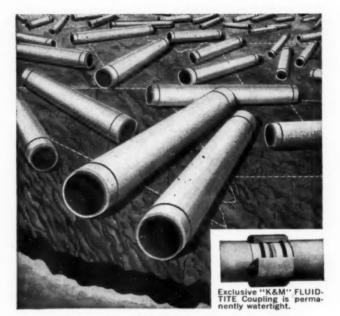
culations based on the form of the ore-body.

At this point, the most effective means of attack in mining the deeper parts of the ore-body, are determined first, by a system of skeleton primary development, carried out from one or two shafts sunk from strategic points on the surface. Secondly, as it is usual to arrange the layout of the primary development underground in such a way that it might serve as main haulage, service and ventilation opening, in the ultimate mining operations, it is customary to first determine the more general characteristics, as to form and structure of the body, by means of diamond drilling. The initial work is followed by closer systematic drilling to enable a fair estimation of the value of the blocks and the tonnage available, to be made. This information, with that collected in the open pit, provides a reasonably safe picture as to future prospects.

Many of the producing mines in the main Quebec Eastern Townships field have been operating for periods varying from fifty to seventy-five years. The extraction of large tonnages of ore by open pit workings for so many years has naturally resulted in some of the mines reaching the limit of economical production by these means.

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already switched from open pit to wholly underground methods, while several others are extracting by both surface and underground operations. In two of the latter category development work underground is proceeding in readiness to gradually change over completely to under-

ground working methods.

As already suggested, insofar as open pit work is concerned, there exists a plan of standardization in general principles, based on the uniformity of the deposits and the proved efficient working methods resulting from many years of experience. The same might be said of the underground systems of working which, after varying trials and tests, have also become almost standardized in opera-

tional practice.

With few exceptions, a system of block-caving, or a modified form of this method, has been adapted in most mines. Normal shrinkage and sub-level stoping methods were tried initially but the fractured nature and variable characteristics of the serpentine rocks caused some minor difficulties and resulted in comparatively high mining costs. In some cases, advantage was taken of the existing open pit by adapting forms of glory-hole mining. This system, however, was liable to give trouble due to the hazards of snow and ice that tended to block the drawpoints in winter operations.

In general, the large massive ore-bodies that constitute so many of these serpentine deposits, plus the nature of the ore, have proved amenable to the block-caving system. In exceptional cases, local physical conditions have made it necessary to deviate from standard practice and instead to adapt some form of shrinkage stoping with rib-pillars or otherwise panel-caving to maintain the necessary output

effectively and economically.

Block-caving in these conditions, as in most cases where this form of mining exists, has proved to be a low cost method of production, mainly because of the large tonnages that can be broken and delivered with a relatively limited amount of drilling, blasting and handling. The system, in theory, assumes that ground conditions are such that large blocks of ore can be extracted by simply undercutting the block and thereby allowing the whole mass of

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ore to cave, crush and break up from its own weight.

The size of the block of ore which is planned for attack may vary in size, but usually it is arranged about 160 feet square by 400 feet high, according to the form and volume of the ore-body available. This volume is calculated to give about one and a half million tons of ore.

As already mentioned, the main primary development openings, and more especially the main haulage ways, are suitably planned under the blocks to be in a position to handle the broken ore delivered from above. The secondary development openings, above the haulage drifts, consist mainly of tunnels along which the broken ore is first handled before delivery down chutes to the haulage cars. Above these slusher tunnels, under-cutting levels are driven to provide a means of drilling and blasting the block of ore above them. Operating methods designed to induce complete caving depend largely on the nature of the rock in the block but in general, they follow common procedure, consisting of drilling a number of separate sections which are finally combined for simultaneous blasting.

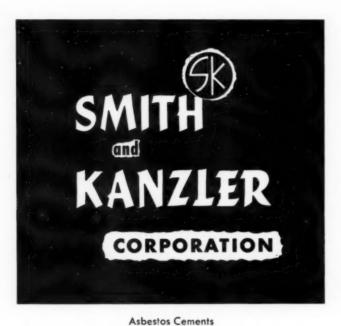
Operational functions follow common principles, the only difference is that in some lay-outs the broken ore is drawn from caving to the handling drift whence it is passed over grizzlies and down ore-passes to the haulage cars. In others, the broken rock is drawn down to a slusher-drift and scrammed along to chutes delivering direct to

haulage cars.

Granby type railroad ears, varying from 5 ton to 10 ton capacity, are hauled by electric locomotives to transport the broken rock to the shaft for delivery to the

crushers either underground or on the surface.

A further layout of secondary development consists of boundary or fringe drifts that are driven round the block at 40 feet intervals. These serve as observation or control points as caving operations proceed and, ultimately, they induce a break-line vertically on each side of the block. As the broken ore in the block caves and is drawn out, the gradual subsidence of the mass is covered on the surface by the addition of mill tailings. This filling tends to prevent the collapse of the solid walls of ore around the block. Once the filling is finally consolidated in a worked out



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block, a new block is attacked and mined alongside.

When one considers the enormous tonnage of broken rock that is handled in the development openings under the block of ore, it is obvious that all drifts, ore-passes and other openings must be designed to remain open despite the friable and relatively soft serpentine rock in which they are driven. To insure a state of permanency while caving proceeds, therefore, nearly all the openings are concreted, except of course the undercutting level. In some of the haulage drifts, in firm and compact ground, steel sets are used instead of concrete. In many of the drifts outside of the immediate block area, roof bolting has proved a satisfactory and economic form of support.

As effective means of support, concrete, steel sets and roof bolts have together entirely eliminated the use of timber, at one time, troublesome bug-bear in asbestos mining. As a result, the once costly work of removing wood chips and splinters, that constituted a serious form of

contamination of the fibre, is a thing of the past.

Because of the large quantities of concrete necessary in supporting the development openings under the caving areas, the bigger mines have established concrete mixing plants on the surface and deliver the concrete through 6 inch pipes by compressed air to the points where it is required underground. In smaller operations, the cement and aggregates are delivered to batching stations underground, from which the concrete can be delivered in pipes to the various points where concreteing is in progress.

The principal mines now operating either wholly or

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Canadian Johns-Manville Limited

Jeffrey Mine. Asbestos. Operating caving system underground but open pit work continues as well.

Munro Mine. Matheson. Ont. Developing underground block-caving system in readiness for switch over from present open pit mining.

THE FLINTKOTE COMPANY ACQUIRES GLENS FALLS PORTLAND CEMENT CO.

Stockholders of Glens Falls Portland Cement Co., at a special meeting in Glens Falls, New York (June 3), voted approval of the proposed acquisition of that company by The Flintkote Company, manufacturer of America's broadest line of building products for home and industry. This is expected to become effective on June 17.

This new acquisition marks the tenth such move by Flintkote since February 1956, when the company embarked on its current expansion and diversification pro-

gram.

THE COVER

This unusual view of asbestos-cement pipe was taken in the storage area of Keasbey & Mattison Company's Ambler pipe plant. It was accomplished by placing a 4 x 5 Graphic in the barrell of a 12" diameter, quarter length pipe, 3 feet, three inches long and focusing on the stacks of pipe in the foreground. Various diameters are represented. Royal Pan film was used with a lens opening of f:22 and a speed of 1/25th second.

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A proposed merger between Ehret Magnesia Manufacturing Co., Valley Forge, Pennsylvania and Baldwin-Hill Company, Trenton, New Jersey, is announced jointly by Alvin M. Ehret, Jr. and William H. Hill, Presidents of

the two companies, respectively.

Directors of each company voted June 18 to submit the proposal to the stockholders. Proxies and copies of the agreement of merger were mailed June 19 to Ehret and Baldwin stockholders of record June 12. Stockholders will vote on the merger at special meetings to be held July 14 in Trenton and Valley Forge.

If approved by a vote of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of each corporation, the merger will become effective August 1. Stock of the new company will be exchanged one-for-one with shares of the merging companies, and the new company will be known as *Baldwin-Ehret-Hill*, *Inc.* with main offices at 500 Breunig Avenue, Trenton.

Baldwin-Ehret-Hill, Inc. would be a strong factor in the industrial and home insulation field with five plants located in various parts of the United States. It would have 552,134 shares of common stock outstanding, and, based on current figures, would have a net worth of \$5,500,000 and annual gross sales of about \$14,000,000.

Ehret Magnesia, founded in 1897, has a well established position in the industrial insulation field as a manufacturer of 85% magnesia and calcium silicate high temperature insulations. It has paid a dividend every year for 40 years. The company's recently modernized plant in Valley Forge is almost fully automatic. Ehret has 140

employees.

Founded in 1935, Baldwin-Hill manufactures a complete line of mineral wool thermal insulations and acoustical products. It recently introduced the first rigid polyurethane foam pipe insulation for low temperature use. Baldwin-Hill's main office and plant are in Trenton, N. J. The company also operates plants in Kalamazoo, Michigan; Huntington, Indiana and Temple, Texas; and, employs a total of 550 persons.

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Commenting on the proposed merger, Mr. Hill stated, "Baldwin-Hill is honored to associate with a firm of the reputation and long tradition of Ehret Magnesia Manufacturing Co. We anticipate that the new company will provide greatly enhanced service to its customers as a result of its ability to supply, from its own plants, insulation products covering a temperature range from 450 degrees below zero Fahrenheit to 2,000 degrees above".

The National Association of Business Economists

This newly-formed organization of economists connected with private industry, has elected its first slate of officers.

The first president of the Association is Adolph G. Abramson, director of economic planning for SKF In-

dustries, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.

Other officers are: George Cline Smith, F. W. Dodge Corporation, New York City, vice president; Sidney E. Rolfe, C.I.T. Financial Corporation, New York City, treasurer; and Charles B. Reeder, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Delaware, secretary.

The Association, which was recently incorporated in Delaware, was founded in response to a long-felt need for an organization devoted specifically to business economics and particularly to the practice of economics as a pro-

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Robert R. Porter, the President of Keasbey & Mattison Company, Ambler, Pa., was born in Minnesota. He graduated from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, High School and then received an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. There he began his military career which eventually won him the distinction, at 34, of being the youngest colonel in the Marine Corps.

Upon graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and assigned to the Philadelphia Navy Yard. This was followed by a duty at Lakehurst, N. J., and on a battleship. In 1935, he was assigned to flight training at Pensacola, Florida, where he received his wings.

In 1938, Mr. Porter returned to the Naval Academy for two years' post-graduate study. Then he was assigned to a year's study at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received his master of science degree in aeronautical engineering.

At the time of Pearl Harbor, he was executive officer of the service squadron at Quantico, Virginia. Shortly afterwards, he was appointed commander of the squadron and sent to the South Pacific. In 1943, he became engineering officer for all marine aviation in the South Pacific. Three months later he was recalled to the states and transferred to the Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, and subsequently made head of the Engine Design Section and responsible for all aircraft engines in navy service.

In 1945 he was transferred to Lima, Peru as Executive Officer of the U. S. Naval Mission to Peru and technical advisor to the Peruvian Minister of Aeronautics, One year later he moved to Hartford, Conn. as Bureau of Aeronautics representative of the Pratt & Whitney and Hamilton Standard plants.

Mr. Porter resigned from the service as a colonel in 1947 and joined Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co. in a sales capacity. Two years later he moved to Ford Instrument

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Co., Long Island, where he subsequently became vice president and sales manager. Here he directed a complete re-

organization of the sales department.

After leaving Ford Instrument Co., he joined Keasbey & Mattison Co. in 1955, and a short time later was appointed executive vice president. In April, 1957, the board of directors of Keasbey & Mattison appointed Mr. Porter President of the firm, which is one of the country's leading manufacturers of asbestos, heat insulating and asphalt products.

Mr. Porter and his wife, the former Veronica Beach of New York City, live in Gladwyne, Pa. A daughter attends Randolph Macon Women's College, and a son is

employed by Ratheon Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Porter is a member of the University Club of New York City, Wings Club of New York City, Philadelphia Country Club and Army-Navy Club of Washington, D. C.

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The above article by C. Z. Carroll-Porczynski, appeared in the April 1959 number of "Engineering Materials and Design".

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CANADIAN ASBESTOS MINING—1958 Province of Quebec

Even though the value of asbestos production in the Province of Quebec in 1958 was lower than in 1957, the asbestos industry achieved some progress during the year under review.

In 1958, three companies joined the ranks of the producers. National Asbestos Mines Limited and Carey-Canadian Mines Limited entered into production July 1st; the official inauguration of Lake Asbestos of Quebec Limited took place on October 16th, 1958. However, Quebec Asbestos Corporation Limited closed its doors at the end of June. On December 31st, 1958, the Province of Quebec had ten producers of asbestos fibres.

Asbestos Corporation Limited—A daily production of 13,000 tons of ore came from the British-Canadian, King and Normandie mines. In 1958, the King mine and the Beaver mine were amalgamated under one operation, the King-Beaver mine. There were no operations at the Beaver mine in 1958, as the mill was being enlarged and renovated. One section of this mill was placed in operation at the end of September, at a production rate of 1,000 tons per day. Once completed, this mill will be able to handle 6,000 tons of ore per day.

Bell Asbestos Mines Limited maintained its mining rate at 2,300 tons of ore per day, this being the same as in 1957.

Canadian Johns-Manville Company Limited enlarged its No. 5 mill in order to increase its treatment capacity from 15,000 to 20,000 tons of ore per day. The new section began functioning in September. The No. 4 mill has been closed. The company maintained its underground mining rate at 12,000 tons of ore per day but decided to increase the tonnage of ore coming from its open-pit.

Carey-Canadian Mines Limited, with mine and mill at Iring Junction, started producing on July 1st. This producer replaces Quebec Asbestos Corporation Limited. The mill capacity is 2,000 tons of ore per day.

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below the 1957 daily production rate.

Johnson's Company Limited kept its mining rate at 2,500 tons of ore per day. The ore came from underground stopes located above levels No. 4 and 5, of its mine in Thetford township.

Johnson's Asbestos Company Limited mined a daily average of 4,000 tons of ore from its open-pit in Coleraine

township.

Lake Asbestos of Quebec Limited was officially in production on October 16th, 1958. Before reaching this goal, the company was obliged to pump 55 billion gallons of water and remove 27 million cubic yards of mud and silt from Black Lake. Its 14-story mill, built at a cost of over \$9,000,000, has a rated production capacity of 100,000 tons of asbestos fibres per year.

National Asbestos Mines Limited began production on July 1st, 1958. The mill, with a daily capacity of 3,000 tons of ore, can produce 50,000 tons of fibres per year.

Nicolet Asbestos Mines Limited has reduced its daily treatment rate from 2,500 to 1,600 tons of ore. The company's operations are located in Tingwick township.

NEW BOOKLET "FIRE PROTECTION OF STRUCTURES"

"Fire Protection of Structures" is the latest booklet from Turners Asbestos Cement Co. Ltd., of Trafford Park, Manchester, England. Sized 8" x 5", it has 36 pages, is profusely illustrated with photographs, data charts and line drawings, and is a brief interpretation of the byelaws in relation to asbestos and asbestos-cement materials.

A revision of an earlier publication, it has additional paragraphs on the following: (a) combustibility test, (b) external fire exposure roof test, and (c) corroglaze sheets. The illustrations show various fire tests which are normally carried out at the Fire Research Station on different types of structures such as floors, walls and columns.

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New Asbestos Cement Sheet With 9 Ft. 6 In. Span Bold Profile Of Universal "Magnum"

A new design in asbestos cement roof sheeting, capable of spanning purlins at up to 9 ft. 6 in. centres, is announced by the Universal Asbestos Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Until now, maximum spans for asbestos cement sheets—as distinct from flat roof decking systems—have been in the order of 6 ft. to 7 ft.

The new design has been named the Universal Magnum. It is an extremely robust, deep-sectioned sheet which forms a stiff beam. It is particularly suitable for low-pitched frameworks of the more massive type. In modern reinforced concrete and pre-stressed concrete frames, for example, it is sometimes advantageous to arrange large section beam members at relatively wide

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The sheet is moulded in % in. thick material. The 9 ft. 6 in. roof purlin spacing is made possible by a 7 in. overall depth of corrugation giving greater beam strength with an adequate safety margin. The spacing of the corrugations is 18 in., iving three corrugations in an overall sheet width of 3 ft. 4 in. with a net cover of 3 ft. The 4 in. side-laps are deep and well-weathered. The end lap is a minimum of 6 in., with the use of a new butyl jointing strip known as Foamjoint. This cellular synthetic material is rot-proof and seals the joint completely. The minimum roof pitch is 4 degrees.

Magnum sheets are made in lengths of 4 ft. to 10 ft. by 6 in, increments. Their weight as laid is approximately 47.25 lb. per sq. yd., including normal fixings. The price

is 12s.3d. per sq. yd.

Moulded underlining sheets will be available in order to effect double-skin insulated cladding, similar to existing Universal sandwich constructions. Roof lighting is achieved with Unilux translucent sheets, made by U.A.M. Plastics

Ltd. to the Magnum profile.

Details of Universal Magnum roof sheeting are given in the latest issue of U.A.M. Group Information (No. 2, 1959), pending the production of a full technical leaflet. Copies are available from the U.A.M. Group Advisory Service, Tolpits, Watford, Herts. (Watford 34551).

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An ingenious and inexpensive new counting and tallying device, worn like a wrist watch, is finding scores of daily uses in industrial plants and laboratories. Technologists and research men use the WRIST TALLY COUNTER for counting operations in laboratories and pilot plants. Industrial engineers and efficiency experts employ it in time-and-motion studies. Tally clerks and checkers find it invaluable for cargo and production tallies; counting traffic; recording pile driver strokes; tallying loads or batches of sand, cement and other materials; and dozens of other uses. It is also popular with golfers for recording scores.

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ton, New Jersey.

Robert W. Egolf, an honor graduate of Ambler High School, Ambler, Pennsylvania, was the recipient of the sixth annual Keasbey & Mattison Co. scholarship to the College of Engineering of Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Robert R. Porter, President of Keasbey & Mattison, made the presentation. K&M instituted the \$1800 scholarship as a means of encouraging qualified high school graduates to enter the engineering profession. Young Egolf will study physics at Drexel and work at Keasbey & Mattison during the industry periods in which he will participate under the Institute's Co-op Program.

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Building Spending Hits Alltime High For First Quarter

Total spending for new construction in the first quarter of 1959, a record \$10.0 billion, showed a 12% increase over the same period last year, Architectural Forum recently reported.

The magazine said \$3.4 billion was spent in the first quarter for new dwelling units, a jump of 32% over the first quarter of 1958. And new homes were being started at a seasonally adjusted rate of 1,390,000 per year in March.

However, private nonresidential construction actually trailed last year's first quarter by \$207 million, or about 5%.

The drop in nonresidential activity is attributable to the continuing slump in industrial building (down 34% in the first quarter) and office building (down 9%). Forum said that industrial building is expected to recover later in the year, but office construction will probably continue its slide and end with its first minus year since 1952.

Other areas of private nonresidential building that showed minus signs in the first quarter were hospital building (down 6%) and the building of telephone and

telegraph facilities (down 14%).

Running counter to the generally downward trend of nonresidential building is the construction of stores, restaurants and garages. After two years of decline, store building shows a rise of 16% for the first quarter of 1959, an increase largely due to shopping center construction,

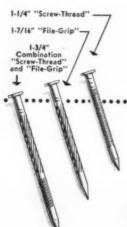
In the booming area of public building (up 16% in the first quarter to a record of \$3.1 billion), there is only one worrisome spot—school building. School building dropped

slightly from last year's first quarter.

On the other hand, highway building boomed 23% above last year's similar period, and a \$6 billion total for highway spending in 1959 seems a certainty—unless, as some officials have indicated, the federal Highway Trust Fund runs dry.

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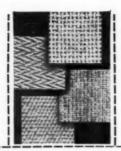
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MARKET CONDITIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS.

General business continues to improve by leaps and bounds. In most areas the upturn has brought substantial improvements in volume of sales accompanied by even more improved profits. At this writing a steel strike appears almost certain—whether this will hurt the steel industry is a large question mark. Warehouses are full of steel and large users have, on the most part, substantial inventories. Gross national product, total national income and similar measures of our economic health are at all time highs. Some isolated companies are still not feeling the general upsurge but on the whole it appears that we are in a rea. boom period, the end of which is not yet in sight. Financial markets have had their ups and downs of late but the most recent moves have been upward and, while the stock market is quite selective, the generally recognized averages are steady to higher.

ASBESTOS-RAW MATERIAL.

Total Canadian shipments for the first five months have exceeded those of 1958 for the same period by 15% and it is expected the upward trend will continue with the pick-up in general business conditions.

Shipments for the months of June and July will be slightly lower than any previous month as a result of vacations at the Mills and consumers plants; however, higher than 1958.

Inventories are relatively high in all grades.

ASBESTOS-MANUFACTURED GOODS.

Asbestos Textiles. This market has been unusually strong during the first six months of this year, due to abnormally high production in steel and other basic industries, as well as a large amount of available government business. A prolonged steel strike would seriously curtail the demand for asbestos textiles; however, with the exception of this possibility, the market for the balance of the year appears extremely favorable.

Asbestos Brake Lining. Market is still running at

record high sales level in replacement. Equipment Sales are at a much better level than the same period in 1958. If the steel strike occurs, a depressing effect may be realized on both O.E.M. and replacement sales. The market should continue to be good in replacement, and Equipment Sales should level off in the next few months due to new models coming out in the fall.

Asbestos Paper. There is some light pick-up in business and capacity to produce is still well in excess of demand. An increase of 3 to 5% is looked for over the current levels by the end of the year. Orders for Millboard are about the same as last month except that prices are more competitive. The volume for this material is expected to be slightly higher than last year.

High Pressure Insulation. Orders for this material are coming in at a steady rate even though prices are extremely competitive among the contractors for the business which is available, with very low prices being quoted. Present situation will continue until industrial construction increases substantially. There is some indication of an increase in industrial construction for the fourth quarter.

Low Pressure Insulation. Orders have slowed down somewhat, due to the use of other materials. It is anticipated that the volume for this product will continue to decline.

Asbestos Cement Products. The market situation for this product is still improving and is expected to continue in an upward trend for the balance of the year.

Shingles—Roofing & Siding. There is some decline in June for this market compared to April and May; however, the same level as 1958 is anticipated in 1959.

Asbestos Pipes. At the present time, the usual seasonal pickup business is being experienced. The outlook is satisfactory due to a continuing high level of new residential construction.

The above comments have been made by various informed executives in the Industry, All comments are welcome.

AUTOMOBILE SALES

Passenger Cars	April 1959 585.789
Motor Trucks	116,910
Motor Coaches	253
	702,952

In April 1958, a total of 396,712 motor vehicles was sold. In the four months of 1959, the total was 2.602,321.

These figures were supplied by the Automobile Manufacturers Association, New Center Building, Detroit, Michigan.

N.F.P.A.-INSPECTION MANUAL

The well-known NFPA Inspection Manual, standard work of its kind, is now available in an enlarged and revised second edition. Designed for the use of property owners, fire departments and inspection offices, the pocket manual provides helpful information to beginners but also contains a selection of material which even experienced inspectors have frequent occasion to consult.

Subjects covered include inspection procedure, what to look for in various occupancies, heating hazards, inspection of protective equipment, what "approvals" mean, how to make plans and reports.

New material in the 320-page book ranges from sections on gas appliance connectors, factory-built chimneys and electrical equipment in paint-spraying areas, to flame-spread ratings of wall finish materials, extinguisher ratings and sprinkler requirements.

Editor of the 1959 edition of the Inspection Manual is Horatio Bond, chief engineer of the National Fire Protection Association. It was prepared under the direction of the NFPA Committee on Fire Inspection, of which William G. Hayne of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters is chairman.

The Inspection Manual is available, at \$4.00 per copy, from the National Fire Protection Association, 60 Batterymarch Street, Boston 10 Massachusetts.

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(Dept. of Mines, Province of Quebec)

Tons 2,000 lbs.	
Production for April 1959 (Quebec)	93,935
Other Provinces	4,204

Total production for April 1958 was 83,477 tons.

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(From Inspector of Mines)

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4th Qu	uarter	(Oct., Nov.	and Dec	e. 1959)		
Production	Local	Sales	Ex	ports		
Tons	Tons	Value	Tons	Value		
Amosite 17,513	574	£ 12,383	15,810	£ 754,808		
Chrysotile 7,120	1,712	44,298	6,423	374,143		
Cape Blue 15,888	810	46,438	13,066	995,444		
Transvanl Blue 4,015	143	9,705	2,792	202,648		
Tremolite 70	55	908	6	87		
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Cape Blue 61,520	3,685	218,769	53,753	4,124,677		
Transvaal Blue 16,670	412	27,408	12,060	878,905		
Tremolite 278	261	4,444	7	108		
175,644	12.837	£492,436	145,796	£9,020,912		

FIBREBOARD APPOINTMENTS

The appointment of *Howard R. West* as manager, advertising and sales promotion, Fibreboard Paper Products Corporation, was recently announced by Jack L. Davies, director of marketing planning. According to Mr. Davies, Mr. West brings to Fibreboard a broad range of professional experience both in agency and industrial advertising.

It is also announced that Frank Wilson, formerly creative director for the Wyman Company in San Francisco, has been appointed "Pabco" brand advertising manager at Fibreboard. He will report to Mr. West.

Both men will headquarter at the Company's executive offices at 475 Brannan Street, San Francisco, California.

NATIONAL GYPSUM COMPANY Six-Month Report

National Gypsum Company will set new six-month sales and earnings records in the first half of this year, Chairman Melvin H. Baker predicted.

Sales for each month this year set new records and the Company's assets have climbed to a new high of \$247,000,000. National Gypsum's previous half-year sales record was set in the second half of 1958 when sales topped \$89,000,000. The previous six-month earnings record was set in the same six-month period with total profits of \$9,700,000.

TECHNIQUES OF PLANT MAINTENANCE & ENGINEERING

The tenth volume in the annual series of the above publication is, appropriately, the most comprehensive of those published in the past decade. The 1950s saw the beginnings of the new science of maintenance. From a concept of maintenance as a mop and oil-can operation, the science has grown to one of the most important in industry. In the opinion of many, automation may push maintenance into the foremost position of importance in the 1960s.

The volume, published by Clapp & Poliak, Inc., New York City, is priced at \$10 postpaid. It is bound in cloth-on-board, contains 266 pages, each 8½x11", and contains all papers read at the 1959 Plant Maintenance & Engineering Conference held in Cleveland last January.

LARGEST ROOFING FELT PLANT STILL GROWING

The Ruberoid Co., manufacturer of building materials, is completing construction of a finished product warehouse that will add approximately 20,000 square feet to the several acres now utilized for the production of dry felt at its Gloucester City, N. J., plant. One of 7 felt mills operated by Ruberoid, this plant has an annual capacity of some 80,000 tons of dry felt, a base material for asphalt roofing and hard floor covering, and will accommodate 2,000 tons of felt at one time—enough to supply roofing for 10,000 average-size single-family homes.

BUVOHA TRADE LETTER-1959

The above publication contains a great number of addresses of industrial and commercial firms in the Netherlands interested in trade relations with firms abroad.

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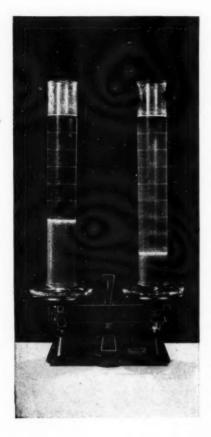
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Imports Into U.S.A.

(Figures by Bureau of Census)

Unmanufactured Asbestos:	January 195 Tons (2240 lb
From: Canada	
Union of South Africa	
Rhodesia (Ny)	. 590
Australia	. 359
Mozambique	256
United Kingdom	. 39
Other Countries	
	43,767
Valued at	. \$4,347,503
By Grades:	
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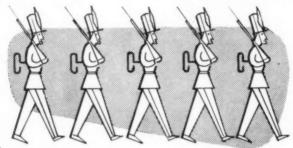
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	Quantity (lbs.)	Value
Asbestos Yarn, United Kingdom	34,214	22,700
Asbestos Yarn, Other Countries	8,211	5,394
Asbestos Packing	4,661	5,449
Asbestos Shingles (Impreg)	21,854	978
Asbestos Shingles (Not Impreg)		
United Kingdom	211,071	19,111
Belgium	476,213	34,490
Italy		45,999
Other Countries		3,340
Asbestos Manufactures — Others		6,999
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Unmanufactured Asbestos:	February 1959
	Tons (2240 lbs.
From: Canada	43,286
Union of South Africa	. 1,947
Yugoslavia	. 1.132
Rhodesia (Nyasaland)	. 288
Mozambique	. 165
United Kingdom	. 41
Other Countries	
	46.880
Valued at	
By Grades:	
Crude, Chrysotile, Canada	40
Crude, Chrysotile, Yugoslavia	
Crude, Chrysotile, Mozambique	
Crude, Chrysotile, U. of So. Africa	
Crude, Chrysotile, Rhodesia (Ny)	
Crude, Blue, Union of South Africa	
Crude, Blue, Rhodesia (Ny)	
Crude, Amosite, U. of So. Africa	980
Textile Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	
Textile Fibres, Chrysotile, Rhod (Ny)	135
Textile Fibres, Chrysotile, Other Ctys	. 21
Shingle Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	4,952
Paper Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	
Other Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	
Other Fibres, Chrysotile, U. K	
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Q	mantity (lbs.	.) Value
Asbestos Yarn, United Kingdom	37,489	\$ 25,399
Asbestos Packing	13,735	3,930
Asbestos Shingles (Impreg)	52,109	7,396
Asbestos Shingles (Not Impreg)		
Belgium	2,882,388	196,049
Italy	1,656,936	57,891
Other Countries	3,239	463
Asbestos Manufactures — Others		6,510
	4,645,896	\$297,638

C. A. BERLEPSCH RETIRES

Charles A. Berlepsch, director of purchases for Rockbestos Products Corporation, manufactures of insulated electrical wires and cables, will retire on June 30 after 41 years with the Company, it was recently announced by Albert S. Redway, Rockbestos president.

Mr. Berlepsch has held several responsible positions with Rockbestos since his first job in the laboratory with the company in 1918. In fact, he was involved in the sale of the first reel of wire made by the Company which then was just getting started.

He resides in Hamden, Connecticut.

MINING JOURNAL ANNUAL REVIEW

The 1959 Edition of this unique continuing record of the progress of mining throughout the world was published on May

It is unique in that it is the only available publication giving a prompt annual report on the progress of mining throughout the world in both a technical and economic context.

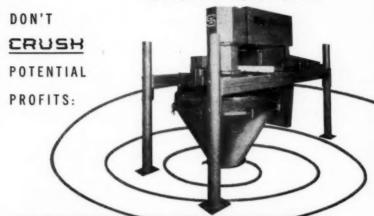
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Exports from U.S.A.

(Figures by Bureau of Census)

Unmanufactured Asbestos:		March 1	959
	Tons	(2240 lbs.)	Value
To: Europe		181	\$24,152
United Kingdom		20	1,880
South America		17	2,740
Canada		5	1,664
Other Countries		4	2,040
		227	\$32,476

Manufactured Asbestos Goods:	March	1959
	Quantity	Value
Asbestos Cement & Pipe Cove	ering Lbs. 470,297	\$ 148.345
Asbestos Textiles & Yarn	Lbs 92,167	91,410
Asbestos Packing	Lbs. 260,918	244,001
Asbestos Clutch Facing	No. 109,549	100,157
Asb. Bk. Lng. (Mld. & S. Mld.	d.) Lin. Ft. 193,520	55,336
Asbestos Brake Lining, Othe	rLbs. 345,081	314,304
Asbestos Construction Mater	rials Lbs. 1,455,533	226,987
Asbestos Manufactures-Othe	ers	48,356

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FLINTKOTE APPOINTS

Melvin W. Rippe has been appointed District Manager for the Flooring and Adhesive Division of The Flintkote Company, it has been announced by W. L. Harper, General Sales Manager.

Mr. Rippe's territory will cover the entire state of Oklahoma and the northwest counties of Texas.

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Unmanufactured Asbestos:	March	19	
	(2000 lbs.)		Value
Crude			
United States	21	\$	17,075
United Kingdom			
South America	* *		* * *
Central America & Mexico			* *
European Countries	• •		4 270
Other Countries	2		1,576
*****	23	\$	18,651
Milled			
United States	12,135	\$2	404,893
United Kingdom	716		249,269
South America	532		120,932
Central America & Mexico	330		57,920
European Countries	702		213,008
Other Countries	2,426		443,584
Shorts	16,841	\$3	489,606
United States	41.433	32	301,754
United Kingdom	550	-	23,145
South America	210		17,629
Central America & Mexico	73		4,554
European Countries	828		40,051
Other Countries	703		50,043
	43,797	\$2,	437,176
Grand Total—			
Unmanufactured Asbestos:	60,661	\$5,	945,433
Manufactured Asbestos Goods:			
Brake Lining		\$	23,122
Packing	******		
Other Materials			5,378
		3	28,500

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PERSONNEL NEWS FROM K&M

S. R. MacWhinney has been named merchandising manager of asbestos-cement pressure pipe, according to James R. Reichel, general sales manager of the Asbestos-Cement Pipe Division of Keasbey & Mattison Company, Ambler, Pa. Mr. MacWhinney joined K&M in 1956 as a general line salesman in its Chicago district operating in Kansas and Missouri. He was formerly with Paige & Hill Homes, Inc., as a sales project engineer.

E. J. Lawless will serve as sales engineer in the Building Products Division of Keasbey & Mattison. Prior to joining K&M, Mr. Lawless was associated with the Benson Company of Kansas City, manufacturers of curtain wall components.

C. C. Clubb has been appointed assistant district manager in K&M's Houston district, having responsibility for asbestos-cement pipe sales. Mr. Clubb had been a K&M representative in the San Antonio area.

M. E. Fuller, formerly K&M representative in the San Francisco area is the new assistant district manager in the San Francisco district of Keasbey & Mattison. Mr. Fuller will be primarily responsible for sales of irrigation, sewer pipe as well as asbestos-cement air duct.

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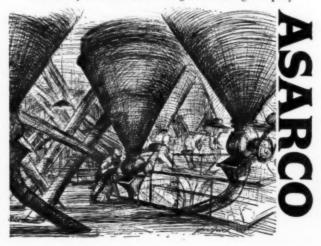
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The modern, air-conditioned building provides Funkhouser's staff of research chemists with several times more area than heretofore for product development and testing, study, adminis-

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ASBESTOS STOCK QUOTATIONS

(These figures are compiled from the Commercial & Financial Chronicle. No guarantee as to their correctness.)

	June 1959			
	Par	Low	lligh	Last
American Brake Shoe	np	501/4	54 1/8	51 %
Armstrong Cork (Com)	1	411/2	45 %	45%
Armstrong Cork (Pfd)	np	77	811/2	7834
Asbestos Corporation	np	271/4	29 7/8	281/4
Philip Carey	10	411/2	44 %	42 1/8
Cassiar Asbestos Corp	np	101/2	113/4	10 %
Celotex (Com)	1	39	42%	403%
Celotex (Pfd)	20	181/3	191/4	1914
Certain-Teed	1	12 7/8	151/4	131/4
Fibreboard	np	46	55 %	51
Flintkote (Com)	5	38%	441/4	39
Flintkote (Pfd)	np	87	89	88
Johns-Manville	5	50%	55%	52 1/2
National Gypsum (Com)		57%	67%	58 %
National Gypsum (Pfd)	np	92	97	94 1/2
Porter, H. K	100	901/4	94	91
Raybestos-Manhattan	np	65	71	68
Ruberoid	1	401/2	46 %	44 3/4
Unareo		91/4	131/8	123/8
United Asbestos	1	\$4.35	\$5.35	\$5.15
U.S. Gypsum (Com)	4	100 %	1141/2	105
U.S. Gypsum (Pfd)	100	1471/2	155	150
U.S. Rubber (Com)		57%	65%	63 %
U.S. Rubber (Pfd)	100	1431/4	1481/4	146

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NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thomas L. Gatke, President, Gatke Corp., Chicago, Illinois, July 16.

L. U. Noland, Chairman of the Board, Noland Co., Inc., Newport News, Virginia, July 17.

Robert R. Porter, President, Keasbey & Mattison Co., Ambler, Pennsylvania, July 17.

G. F. Bahrs, Vice President & Treasurer, The Ruberoid Co., New York City, July 18.

J. F. D. Rohrbach, President, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Passaic, New Jersey, July 18.

R. F. Turner, Sales Promotion Manager, The Philip Carey Co., Lockland, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 18.

C. B. Whitley, Secretary, Scandinavia Belting Co., Charlotte, North Carolina, July 20.

C. J. Backstrand, President, Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pennsylvania, July 21.

Laurence W. Clarke, Vice President, The Philip Carey Manufacturing Co., Lockland, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 21.

R. S. King, Chairman, The Philip Carey Manufacturing Co., Lock-land, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 21.

W. S. Simpson, Director & Secretary, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Bridgeport, Connecticut, July 21.

R. R. Galloway, Vice President, Fibreboard Paper Products Corp., San Francisco, California, July 22.

J. E. Hooker, Pacific Roofing Co., Portland, Oregon, July 22 Roscoe E. Tallman, Director of the Board, Tallman McCluskey Fabric Co., Kirkwood, Missouri, July 22.

Charles A. Saitta, President, Asbestos Corp. of America, New York City, July 23.

C. R. Hubbard, Vice President, Garlock Packing Co., Palmyra, New York, July 25.

Hilton A. Moberg, President, Arnold Insulations, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, July 25.

Frank C. LeRow, Executive Vice President, Asbestos, Asphalt & Insulation, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, July 26.

P. H. Ryan, Merchandise Manager, Pabco Building Materials Division, Fibreboard Paper Products Corp., San Francisco, California, July 26.

R. S. Hammond, General Sales Manager, Building Products Division, Johns-Manville Corp., New York City, July 27.

John Ozurovich, President, Atlantic Asbestos Corp., New York City, July 31.

Harry H. Heckroth, Vice President, Penn Supply & Metal Corp., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2.

C. W. Gregg, Treasurer & Director, The Flintkote Co., New York City, August 3.

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G. P. Reilly, Plant Manager, Smith Asbestos Products, Inc., Millington, New Jersey, August 5.

A. P. Keasbey, President, Robert A. Keasbey Co., New York City,

John Dragisic, President, Inland Insulation Co., Chicago, Illinois, August 9.

Melvin H. Baker, Chairman of the Board, National Gypsum Co., Buffalo, New York, August 11.

Grant V. Wilson, President, Grant Wilson, Inc., Chicago, Illinois,

Matthew L. Ladden, President, Ladden Asbestos Corp. of New Jersey, Irvington, New Jersey, August 15.

To all these gentlemen we extend congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of their birthdays.

CANADIAN JOHNS-MANVILLE CO., LTD.

Appointment of D. Lloyd Monroe

Karl V. Lindell, Vice President of Canadian Johns-Manville and General Manager of the Company's Asbestos Fibre Division has announced the appointment of D. Lloyd Monroe, formerly Assistant Production Engineer, to the position of Technical Consultant for the Sales Department.

In February 1948, Mr. Monroe was hired by Canadian Johns-Manville as Senior Mining Engineer. During his more than ten years of service, he has also held the positions of Chief Design Engineer, Assistant Plant Engineer and Assistant Production Engineer. He is a graduate of the University of British Columbia with the degrees of B.A. and B. Sc in Mining Engineering.

In his newly established position of technical assistant, D. L. Monroe will act as liaison man between production and sales personnel with respect to the technical and sales engineering aspects of the sale of asbestos fiber. He will promote the scope of fibre sales by stimulating efforts to see that customers are supplied with quality fibres most appropriate for their needs.

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Group No. 6 (Waste, Stucco or Plaster)			86.00
Group No. 7 (Refuse or Shorts)	41.00		75.00

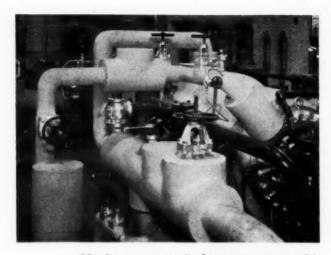
JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION Multi-Million Dollar Plant

Johns-Manville has announced that immediate construction will begin on a new highly-mechanized, multi-million dollar plant at Chillicothe, Ohio, for the manufacture of J-M vinyl plastic and asphalt floor tiles.

When completed in the summer of 1960, the new factory will expand the Company's floor tile productive capacity by more

than 33 per cent.

Operation of the new plant will be assigned to the Johns-Manville Building Products Division, one of ten J-M operating Divisions producing more than 500 lines of industrial products and building materials. W. R. Wilkinson, Vice President of Johns-Manville Corporation, is General Manager of the Building Products Division with headquarters in New York.



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ASBESTOS CHAPTER

Preprint from 1957 Minerals Yearbook

The 1957 Chapter on Asbestos from the U. S. Minerals Yearbook, published annually by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, has just arrived. All "ASBESTOS" readers who have collected an Asbestos Library, will want a copy. Send 10¢ (in coin) to the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

It contains salient statistics of the Asbestos Industry in the United States, including a table of World Production of Asbestos,

(by countries), 1948-1957, inclusive.

Other information on the Asbestos Industry in 1957 which the pamphlet contains will, no doubt, be of interest to our readers.

CAPE ASBESTOS COMPANY LTD.

New Glasgow Address

The offices of Mr. James L. Thomas, Scottish Area Manager of The Cape Asbestos Company Ltd., and his staff, have moved to a new building in the Springburn district of Glasgow. Their address is now: Hobden Street, Petershill Road, Glasgow, N. 1, Scotland. All Scottish inquiries concerning "Caposite" and "Rocksil" thermal insulation materials and "Capasco" brake linings and clutch facings should be made to this new address.

This is also the new address of Mr. A. Armour Clark, Scottish Area representative of Cape Building Products Ltd., subsidiary of Cape Asbestos and manufacturers of "Asbestolux"

and Uxbridge Flint Bricks.

FRICTION MATERIALS STANDARDS INSTITUTE, INC.

Annual Meeting-Election of Officers

At the Annual Meeting of the Friction Materials Standards Institute, Inc. held on June 10, 1959, the following officers were elected for the year starting July 1st:

President-George S. Lamson, Thermold Div., H. K. Porter Co.,

Vice-President-Richard A. Riley, World Bestos.

Treasurer-Harold Hodson, Marshall-Eclipse Div., Bendix Aviation Corp.

Secretary-Miss Harriet G. Duschek.

Other members of the Board of Directors, serving with these officers are:

William H. Johnston-Atlas Asbestos Company.

Edward H. Wells-Johns-Mauville Corporation.

William J. Vachout-Molded Materials Div., Carlisle Corp.

James L. McGovern, Jr.-Raybestos Manhattan, Inc.

S. Arthur Smith-Silver Line Brake Lining Corp.



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PATENTS

Abstracts of U. S. Patents on Asbestos and Asbestos Products by Oliver S. North.

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Method of Molding Foundry Core Drier Supports, No. 2,873,480. Granted on February 17, 1959 to O Ayers and A. Homiak (assigned to Johns-Manville Corp., New York, NY.). A composition suitable for molding into support members for use during the curing of foundry cores comprises preferably 10-70% by weight of amosite or chrysotile asbestos fiber and optimum proportions of lime and a comminuted siliceous aggregate, such as diatomite,

quartz, siliceous clay, or the like.

Asbestos Fiber Recovery From Tailings, No. 2,874,838. Granted on February 24, 1959 to M. C. Pharo (assigned to Johnson's Co. Ltd., Thetford Mines, Quebec, Canada). In the recovery of asbestos fibre from weathered dump tailings, such as those of the Canadian producing region, containing 1-8% of short chrysotile fibre most of which is in the fluffed state, the tailings masses are broken up and dropped into water containing entrained air. The suspension is subjected to primary hydraulic drag classification, and the fibre separated thereby is floated off in the overflow and treated in a secondary drag classifier and further on a shaking stable.

Hydrous Calcium Silicates, No. 2,875,075. Granted on February 24, 1959 to G. L. Kalousek (assigned to Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., a corporation of Delaware). A lightweight high-temperature pipe insulation product is made by autoclaving a mixture of lime, tripoli, diatomite, kaolin, chrysotile asbestos fibre, and calcium chloride, and shaping the reaction material.

Varnish and Process of Making, No. 2,875,080. Granted on February 24, 1959 to D. C. Ewart and E. G. Sieber (assigned to Airflo Roofing Company of America, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.). A varnish composition made of gilsonite, asphalt, linseed oil, soybean oil and mineral spirits is used in the making of a mastic About 65.3% of the varnish is mixed with 34.7% of a fiberizing material consisting of 50% short asbestos fibre and 50% long asbestos fibre.

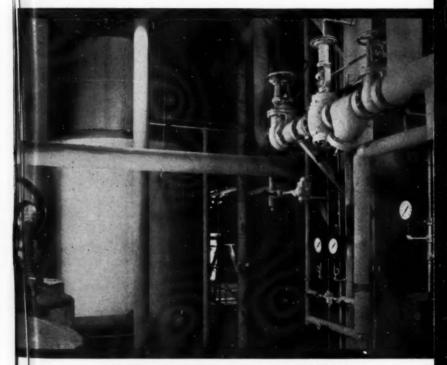
Method of Producing a Molded Article, No. 2,877,499. Granted on March 17, 1959 to R. E. Wilkinson (assigned to Rostone Corp., Lafayette, Ind.). In the manufacture of a material having high electrical resistance and good resistance to electric arc corrosion, a mixture of MgO or Mg (OH)₂, asbestos fibre, a non-fibrous filler, and water is molded into shapes. The shapes are exposed to a carbon dioxide atmosphere, whereby the magnesium compond is carbonated, and then subjected to steam under pressure to hydrate the MgCO₂.

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